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The Honorable Jesse M. Furman
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

**RE: United States v. Michael Avenatti
19 Cr. 374 (JMF)**

Dear Judge Furman:

We write in response to the Court's Order dated October 12, 2021 directing the parties to appear for an in-person scheduling conference on October 14, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. In accordance with the Court's directives, the defense requests leave for Michael Avenatti to participate in Thursday's conference by telephone.

Respectfully Submitted,

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